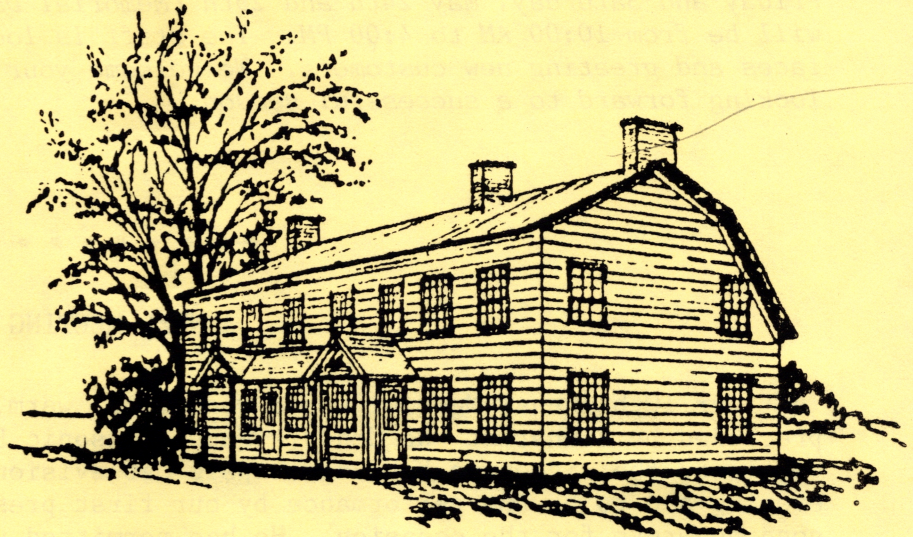


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 *Friends*
of ELMENDORPH, inc.
P.O. BOX 1776 / RED HOOK, NEW YORK 12571

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

Spring is here. That means it's time to see some activity around the Elmendorph. Improvements include a badly needed septic system and water lines to the Inn, making it more comfortable for our workers and guests.

The Shop will soon be open for business. Elvira, our Chairperson, needs more help. If you can help out in any way, especially with preparing articles for sale, selling, etc., please let us hear from you. The Shop is open Friday and Saturday each week from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

The main fundraiser this year will be an auction. Plans are now being made for the auction to be held in September. This event will require lots of help in all categories. Please contact any of the board or committee members if you can help in any way. If you can't, donation of an article for the auction will be greatly appreciated. Additional information on the auction follows in this newsletter.

Thank you all for your support.

*Harold Fell, Sr.
President
Friends of Elmendorph*

ELEMENDORPH, ETC.

Elmendorph, Etc., our "world class" thrift shop, is opening for the season on Friday and Saturday, May 24th and 25th (Memorial Day Weekend). The hours, as usual, will be from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The staff is looking forward to seeing familiar faces and greeting new customers. We welcome your donations and patronage and are looking forward to a successful season.

Elvira Nuccio, Chairperson
Elmendorph, Etc.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Our 10th Annual Meeting was a wonderful, warm, special occasion. The meeting was preceeded by dinner at the Hendrik Hudson Masonic Lodge. After all the formalities, we viewed the videotape by Poughkeepsie Cablevision about US. The highlight of the evening had to be the performance by our first president, Joe Zalenski, of an original song he wrote for the occasion. He has permitted us to share those wonderful words with all of you.

- Rosemary Coons

IT TAKES PEOPLE

A LONG TIME AGO IN THIS GREAT LAND,
WE HAD TROUBLES BY THE SCORE.
THE HAND OF OPPRESSION WAS PUSHING US DOWN
EVERYDAY JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE.
THEN JUST ONE PERSON SAID IT OUT LOUD,
"I OBJECT; I WON'T TAKE IT ANYMORE."
THEN SOMEBODY SAID, "I FEEL THE SAME."
THERE WERE WORDS, WORDS, THEN A WAR.
FOR EIGHT LONG YEARS, THEY FOUGHT AND FOUGHT
'TIL FREEDOM WAS FINALLY WON.
PEOPLE STANDING SIDE BY SIDE,
PEOPLE GOT THE JOB DONE.

CHORUS:

IT TAKES PEOPLE TO GET A JOB DONE,
ANY BIG JOB, STARTED BY ONE.
TOGETHER, THEY CAN MAKE IT ALL COME TRUE.
YES, IT TAKES PEOPLE TO SHARE A BIG LOAD,
TOGETHER, BUILDING THE ROAD
THAT LEADS TO THE GOALS THEY HAVE IN MIND.

THERE WAS A BIG OLD HOUSE IN A LITTLE OLD TOWN.
SOME SAID, "LET'S TEAR IT DOWN.
IT AIN'T NO GOOD; IT'S ROTTING AWAY;
IT'S AN EYESORE ALL AROUND."
THEN JUST ONE PERSON SAID IT OUT LOUD,
"LET'S SAVE IT; IT'S PART OF OUR PAST.
WE'LL ALL BE A LONG TIME GONE,
BUT THE HOUSE WILL LAST AND LAST."
YEARS WENT BY AS WORK PROGRESSED,
YET NOTHING COULD BE SEEN;
AND THEN ONE DAY THE COVER CAME OFF,
THE FACE OF A BEAUTIFUL DREAM.

CHORUS

AFTER THE TERRIBLE WAR WAS WON,
THEY COULDN'T SIT DOWN TO REST.
THEY HAD TO KEEP WORKING AND MOVING ALONG
TO MAKE THE LAND THE BEST.
THEN SLOW, BUT SURE, THIS NATION GREW
TO WHAT IT IS TODAY.
WE'LL TAKE THIS HOUSE AND DO THE SAME,
PEOPLE WORKING THEIR WAY.
PEOPLE COME AND PEOPLE GO,
EVERYBODY DOING THEIR BEST:
BUT LIKE THOSE PEOPLE WAY BACK THEN,
WE CAN'T SIT DOWN TO REST.

CHORUS

- Words and Music by Joe Zalenski

Benefit Auction

towards

RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC ELMENDORPH INN

Sunday, September 29, 1985 Preview 12:00 Noon Auction 1:00 P.M.

RAIN or SHINE

Back Lawn Elmendorph Inn, N. Broadway (Route 9) Red Hook NY

FRIENDS GEAR UP FOR 1985 MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Remember how proud you felt the first time you glimpsed the Elmendorph's newly restored facade or happened to hear someone comment on all the changes taking place in the building? Imagine how you'll feel when restoration is completed, and the Inn once again becomes a focal point of the community.

Moving forward in the restoration process takes money - lots of it. At a time when preservation funds are scarce, it's up to Friends members to discover their ample creativity in fundraising.

The Friends' AUCTION, planned for September, offers varied opportunities for you to help insure restoration efforts will continue. Volunteers willing to lend a hand with the Auction itself are warmly welcomed. Auction Coordinators, Shirley Brown and Doug and Blanche Traudt, could use some help in carting donated items to the Inn and are lining up volunteers to serve as Auctioneer's Assistants and Parking Attendants. Those who would be able to help with setup and/or cleanup on the Auction Day (Sunday, September 29th) are also needed.

For Friends members possessing some degree of culinary skill, the Refreshment Committee needs your donations. See Helen Garlinghouse or Linda Keeling for more details.

To volunteer your time and talents towards setting up a successful 1985 fundraiser, please contact the appropriate committee chairs:

Auction Coordinators:

Shirley Brown - (914) 758-8604
Doug & Blanche Traudt - (914) 758-8295

Refreshment Committee:

Helen Garlinghouse - (914) 758-6925
Linda Keeling - (914) 758-8279

Auction Items Committee:

Betty Blair Eggert - (914) 758-3112

Publicity Committee:

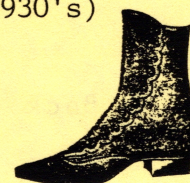
Leslie Coons - (914) 758-6334

A tear sheet has also been included at the end of this newsletter for the convenience of those wishing to contact us by mail.

Your TAX DEDUCTABLE donations of auctionable items are especially needed in order to insure a successful fundraiser.

The following are some of the items we can use:

- >>> Small (working) appliances, glassware, pewter, copper, brass, silver, china, pottery, tinware, cookware, crocks, jugs, ironware, wooden bowls, utensils, boxes and lanterns
- >>> Dolls, toys, bicycles, children's furniture, jewelry, political buttons, coins, dresser sets, buttons, military items, knick-knacks
- >>> Tables, chairs, dressers, chests, washstands, trunks, lamps, baskets, desks, love seats, benches, stools, mirrors
- >>> Quilts, linens, rugs, antique clothing (Victorian - ca. 1930's)
- >>> Clocks, radios & TVs (in working order)
- >>> Paintings, prints, and old books
- >>> Tools - woodworking and garden



Donated items need not be "antique" - good, serviceable items of any age are welcome. We cannot use large appliances (stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, etc.) or large pieces of overstuffed furniture unless they are in remarkably good shape.

BUSINESSES may wish to donate SERVICES. For instance, the RED HOOK INN has donated a dinner for four.

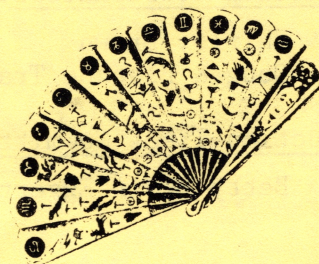
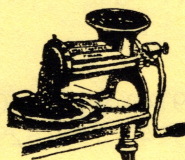
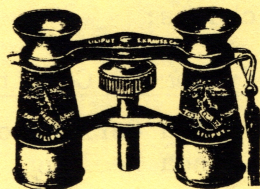
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If you have items to donate and need to arrange to have them brought to the Elmendorph, you may call any of the following committee members:

Shirley Brown	- (914) 758-8604
Betty Blair Eggert	- (914) 758-3112
Harold Fell	- (914) 758-2433
Bruce Naramore	- (914) 758-5639
Doug & Blanche Traudt	- (914) 758-8295

If you wish to drop items off at the Inn, we will be receiving donations on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Members of the Auction Committee are especially anxious to see the types of items we'll be selling - so call with news of your tax deductible donations as soon as possible.

- Leslie Coons



HUDSON RIVER CRUISES

Based on last year's success, the Friends of Elmendorph welcome residents of the Hudson Valley to join them on another Hudson River Cruise on Sunday, August 18th.

Two boat trips have been scheduled that day in conjunction with the annual "Steamboat Days" program at Clermont State Historic Site, aboard the 149-passenger "River Queen". The "River Queen" is operated by Riverboat Tours of Pleasant Valley, New York. Tickets for both four-hour cruises are \$13.50 per person. Proceeds for the trip will be used to continue restoration on the Inn.

The First Cruise will depart from the Rhinecliff Dock at 10:00 AM. Since ample parking is available in Rhinecliff, no shuttle bus service will be available to the dock site. The "River Queen" will cross the Hudson and cruise up Roundout Creek, a hub of steamboat activity on the River prior to the Depression, before docking near the Hudson River Maritime Center. Passengers will be able to tour the Center and its boat building shops between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Afterwards, passengers will return to the "River Queen" for a lunch cruise to Hyde Park and then back to Rhinecliff.

The Second Cruise is scheduled to depart from the North Germantown dock at 4:30 PM. Passengers should park at Clermont State Historical Site and take the free shuttle bus to the dock. The "River Queen" will tour the stretch of the Hudson River between the Roeliff Janssen Kill (site of the manor house of the Lords of Livingston Manor) and Mills Mansion in Staatsburg. This stretch encompasses the Clermont Estates and Sixteen-Mile National Register Historic Districts, which are dominated by scores of riverfront mansions built by the Livingston family and their descendants on the east shore of the Hudson.

You are encouraged to bring your cameras, binoculars, and a picnic lunch or supper. A cash bar, soft drinks and snack foods are available on board. Tour guides will point out sites of interest on both cruises. The cruises will take place rain or shine unless conditions are a potential safety hazard.

Tickets may be purchased by sending a check payable to "Friends of Elmendorph, Inc. to:

STEAMBOAT CRUISE
P.O.B. 1776
Red Hook, NY 12571-0044

Please remember to specify the boat trip (10:00 AM or 4:30 PM) for which you are making the reservations. Tickets may also be purchased at the Elmendorph, Etc. Shop on North Broadway (Rte 9) in Red Hook between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays.

For additional information, call Clermont State Historic Site at (518) 537-4240 or Paul Fredericks at Apple Valley Realty (914) 758-8891.

- Bruce Naramore

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ELMENDORPH BROCHURE

We will soon have a very special Elmendorph Brochure. Our deep appreciation should be given to Bob Bielenberg (who did the art work), Herman Gorgens, Joan Jones and Bruce Naramore, who put in many hours of work preparing the brochure.

Look for it soon in the shop.

NEW FRIENDS

We are very pleased to welcome the following new (and very talented) members and contributors:

Mike Fitzmaurice, M/M V. Bruce Gemmel, Mrs. Clara H. Kelley (Life Member) and Alan Van Ness (Red Hook).

Also:

Hudson River Heritage, Inc., Daily Freeman (Rhinebeck), Mrs. Betty C. Miller (Staatsburg), Craft Construction Co. of Hyde Park, Inc., Lenny Miller (Hudson) and M/M Edmond Redder (Fairfield, Conn.).

We are also happy to announce that the following members have become LIFE MEMBERS:

Mrs. Evalena Hanlon, Walter & Jean Moore, Joe & Margaret O'Brien (Red Hook) and Shirley M. Mead (Kingston).

In addition, we have received a very generous donation from the *Richard Hampton Jenrette Foundation, Inc.* Thank you, *Eleanor DeGruccio of Flushing, N.Y.*, for sending us a two-for-one matching Bankers Trust Donation.

As you know, IBM matches their employees' donations to us, two for one. Does anyone else work for a matching donor employer? We'll publicize it if you let us know.

- Rosemary Coons

DOUGLAS BROWN

We were deeply saddened recently by the sudden death of our dear friend, Douglas Brown. Doug, on the Board of Directors for many years, served as our very capable Treasurer, was very active on our Arts & Crafts Festival Committee, and helped our shop, Elmendorph, Etc. in more ways that we could ever mention. Doug was someone we could really depend upon to get a job done.

A Life Member, Doug will be remembered for his kindness, his teasing wit and relaxed manner. He would have no part of gossip or controversy. He was truly a peacemaker. We will have to go a long way to find another Friend of Elmendorph like Doug Brown.

His family has requested that memorial donations be made to St. John's Reformed Church and/or Friends of Elmendorph, Inc. Donations from Doug's many friends are being received daily.

Doug and Shirley Brown were co-chairs of our upcoming auction, together with Doug and Blanche Traudt. Doug was making plans for the auction prior to his untimely death. His son, David, will be our volunteer auctioneer. It would be a fitting tribute to Doug Brown to make the auction a huge success.

RAYMOND RUGE & JOHN W. DELAFIELD

As we were about to go to print, we were informed of the deaths of members Raymond Ruge, architect, of Cornwall-on-Hudson and John W. Delafield of New York and Annandale-on-Hudson.

Ray ("Mr. Ice Boating") attended our 10th Annual Meeting in March. His deep interest in historic preservation and his architectural talent will remain a tribute to him in the Hudson Valley for many generations to come.

Mr. Delafield was probably the first person to recognize that the Elmendorph Inn needed saving (as early as the late 60's). A Life and Charter Member, he often wrote to us encouraging our progress and offering advice.

THEY WILL BOTH BE MISSED.

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NOTE TO OUR MEMBERSHIP:

If there is an "X" on your mailing label, your membership dues for the year have not been paid. WE NEED YOU!!

AUCTION BENEFIT VOLUNTEER FORM

If you are interested in any way in helping with our Auction Benefit for the Inn, please fill in the information below and mail to:

AUCTION BENEFIT FOR ELMENDORPH INN
Post Office Box 1776
Red Hook, NY 12571-0044

I can volunteer: as an Auctioneer's Assistant ☐
as a Parking Attendant ☐
for the Refreshment Committee ☐

I have something for the Auction. Please contact me! ☐



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